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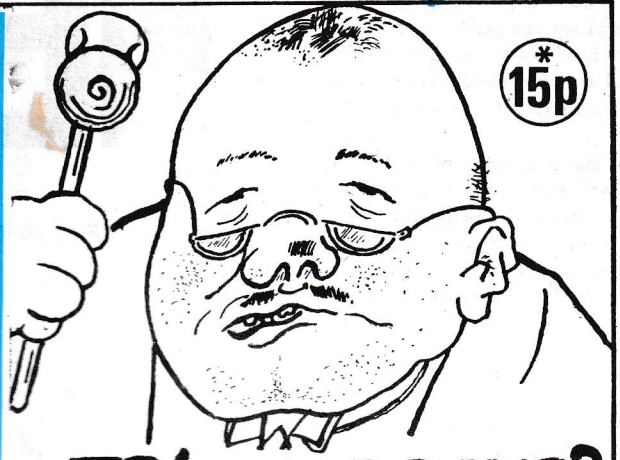

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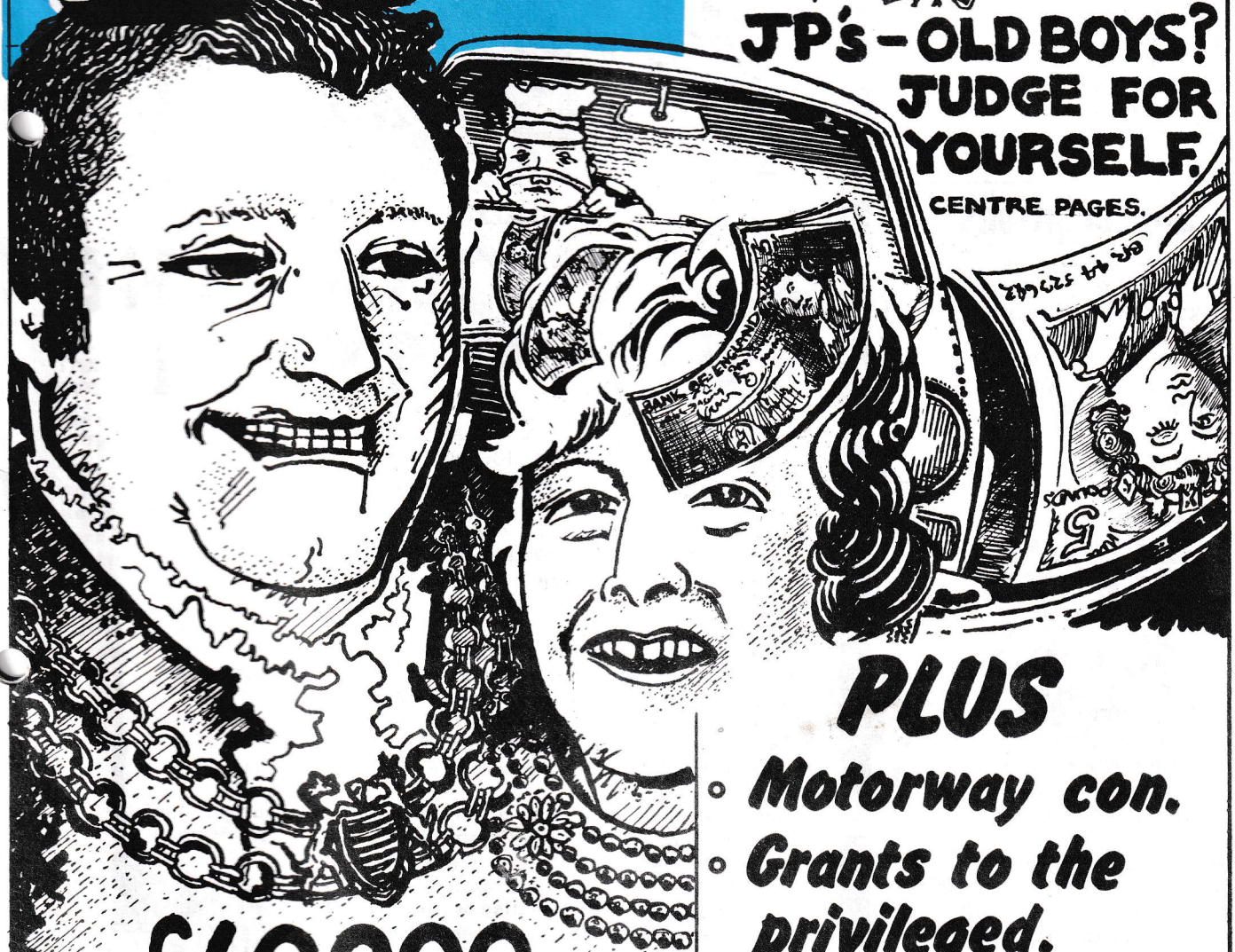

£40,000 FOR GREENHOUGH.

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NEWS

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ALL ABOARD THE GRAVY TRAIN

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANTS ARE NORMALLY MADE TO PEOPLE WITHOUT MUCH MONEY BUT IN TAMESIDE RICH PROPERTY OWNERS ARE STARTING TO QUEUE UP FOR THEM.
AND ITS ALL BECAUSE THEY"VE HEARD HOW LOCAL MILLIONAIRE DEREK HARTLE GOT ONE TO TURN MOTTRAM HALL INTO A "LUXURY RESIDENCE" FOR HIMSELF.

The latest applicant is a Mr. Bagshaw.
He wants some of the Tameside money to help him renovate Bowlacre Farm, in Gee Cross, Hyde.
He plans to spend £32,540 most of which will go on what his architect calls 'creating an interesting dwelling by combining the use of the old cottage and barn."

Bagshaw first applied for an improvement grant in March 1978 but the Housing Services Committee would only give him the statutory 'intermediate grant' of £1,350.
But that wa sn't enough for Mr. Bagshaw.
According to a letter written to Tameside by Bagshaw's architects their client had 'noted with interest the grant assistance afforded to Mr. Derek Hartle' who had ' been granted the full intermediate grant of £2,500.' Reasonably enough Bagshaw now wanted to know the 'difference between his own and Mr. Hartle's application.'
The housing Services Committee considered this. Decided there was no difference (they were both very rich men seeking to turn old property into luxury dwellings) - so they gave Bagshaw his extra money.

Next please!

MAYOR COSTS £40,000!

an eye exclusive

EXPENSES COVER-UP CLAIM

ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL TAMESIDE ESTIMATES THE MAYOR WILL COST THE RATEPAYERS £40,000 IN 1978/79. THIS IS TREBLE THE 1975 FIGURE.
AND THE MAYOR AND MAYORESSES 'PERSONAL EXPENSES' ARE EXPECTED RO TUN TO SOME £3,850. EQUIVALENT TO AN UN-TAXED WEEKLY WAGE OF OVER £70 PER WEEK.

These figures were revealed to Tameside Eye by Cllr. Glyn Ford (Lab) who spent months wrangling with Tameside officials to get them. Ford first asked for the information on 12th Oct. '78. He was told by Townsend, the Director of Finance, that he would have it in a few days,

COUNCILLOR FORD

Five weeks later Ford was still waiting, he contacted Townsend again.

GRANTHAM

This time he was told that the information could not be released without the permission of Cllr. Grantham (Con) Leader of the Council.

According to Townsend,

GREENHOUGHS "OUT OF POCKET"

notice of Ford's enquiries had got to Cllr. Grantham via Peter Greenhough (Con) the present Mayor.
Ford insisted that he had a right to see the expenses under one of Tameside's own standing orders.
Grantham now contacted George Newton, leader of Ford's own Labour group-Newton saw Ford and asked him why he wanted the information, Ford replied that it was his right and as a matter of public interest. Newton agreed to back Ford's enquiries. But, he asked that Ford obtain the permission of the Labour Group before releasing it to the press.

PROVISO

Ford applied for permission, and got it with the proviso that he made it clear that the details of the Mayor's expenses were being released by Ford himself and not by the Labour party in Tameside.
THIS IS THE STORY OF A COVER UP.
INFORMATION WHICH IS OF CONCERN TO EVERY VOTER AND RATEPAYER IN TAMESIDE HAS BEEN WITHHELD AND THE ATTEMPTS OF AN ELECTED COUNCILLOR TO EXERCISE HIS RIGHTS TO THAT INFORMATION HAVE BEEN DELAYED BY TAMESIDE OFFICIALS AND BLOCKED BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.
WHY?

WHAT YOU PAY FOR

MOST OF THE £40,000 HAS GONE ON PAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MAYOR AND HIS ENTOURAGE

TWO CARS

The Mayor has two cars (A Daimler and a Granada) which cost £11,800 to maintain a year. He has three official chauffeurs cum attendants who drive and polish the cars and 'announce' him at functions (wage bill £11,800) and they have a uniform (£390 this year).
The Mayor has a personal secretary to handle all his correspondence (£5,960).

FUNCTIONS

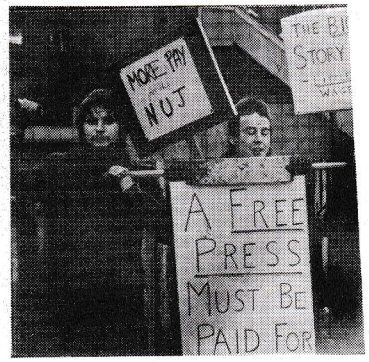
Then there is the cost of mounting official functions like 'the installation of the Mayor' and the civic parade' and 'dispensing hospitality' to foreign visitors and royalty (this year £2,820).
'Civic Regalia' is another expensive item (£10,500) most of which this year went on medallions for ex-Mayors.

EXPENSES

The expense of the Mayor and Mayoress and their deputies mount up as well. This year Peter Greenhough, the Mayor, will claim £10,500 and John Stellfox, his deputy, £500.
These expenses do not include

ALL UNCLE BEN'S MEN!

JOURNALISTS FROM "THE REPORTER GROUP" HAVE BEEN ON STRIKE OVER CHRISTMAS, BUT THEIR PAPER SOLDIERED ON, HITTING NEW LOWS -



News isn't what happens.
It's what happens in newspapers.
And, with all the 33 of the Reporter Group's local news staff out on strike for the past few weeks 'Reporter' and 'Herald' readers can be forgiven for thinking that the whole of Tameside - with the exception of local politicians, societies and other self publicists - had gone into a state of suspended animation.
Because their papers - all 15 of them have been produced by just two men - Managing Director McAlinden and the Editor. And they have been DESPERATE for news.
ANY news.
so it is that all sorts of earth-shattering events have been hitting the headlines! A dead doctor rated a column and a half on 5th Jan. The M.P. for Blackley (where?) felt peaky and got a mention. And, on 22nd Dec. the annual message of Mrs. Laurie and Elmar Williams (who?) of Ramsgate 4385, Natal, Sth. Africa to their 'many friends' made front page second lead. And, loony letter-writters everywhere have had an uncensored field day.

Meanwhile, the striking journalists have been publishing STOP PRESS, a badly duplicated version of the old Reporter (in which news was trivial but not mindbogglingly so), to keep their hand in and to publicise their case.
And until their recent 14% settlement they certainly had one.

The Reporter Group of Newspapers - which is one of the biggest in the country - paid its graduate reporters £40 gross, which amounted to a take home pay of around £30. And, senior reporters were paid only £60. a week.
But, J. Andrew and Co. Ltd. (nominal capital £120,000) the owners of the Reporter Grp, are canny too. They maintain a very high ratio of Junior to Senior staff, which all helps to keep down the wage bill and jack up the profits.

What you pay for.. (from pg 3)

allowances and expenses for attendance at Committee meetings.
In interviews with the Mayor's secretary and the Mayor himself, Tameside Eye was told that the personal expenses were for new clothes and hair-dos for the Mayor and Mayoress, compensation for loss of earnings and any donations made at charitable functions.
Peter Greenhough claims that his time as Mayor will have left him 'out of pocket' at the end of this year and maintains that 'the majority of Tameside people are in favour of keeing a Mayor.'
ARE YOU? Letters
c/o 109 Oxford Rd. M/cr. 1.

Look before you Peak!

Thanks to a "quickie" decision by Chairman Fearn and two other Social Services Committee members, Tameside is now the proud owner of Hadfield House Hotel: closed because of in adequate fire precautions, and a bargain at £30,000. On the recommendation of Social Services Chairman Alan Fearn the purchase was rushed through and rubber stamped by Tameside Council before planning permission had been obtained from High Peak. But High Peak Planning Committee rejected Tameside's application to change the Hotel into a kids' home. And when the matter went before them a second time, it was deferred, so that Councillors could go on a "Site Visit." High Peak's reluctance to be helpful could be because cost-cutting Tameside has in the past refused to enter into a swop arrangement with High Peak - which would have allowed the two boroughs to use spaces in each others children's homes.

tameside's foremost gossip columnist

At their annual dinner at Ashton Masonic Hall in Dec. the Licensed Retailers Assoc. were busily feeding and boozing all the top dogs of the Tameside Police and Judiciary. Chief Superintendent McLoughlin, and Superintendent Webster were downing pints for the boys in blue, whilst Gus Gordon, the Clerk to the Justices in Ashton, and his colleague Mr. Pickup, the Clerk at Sth. Tameside Magistrates Court were holding the legal end up. Then there was Peter Greenhough and his lady wife, representing local politics We trust that this close social contact between the police, the judiciary, the council and publicans will help stamp out the evils of after-hours drinking in Tameside and ensure many more prosecutions of erring landlords ??

Ring Road consultation con...

ROUTE FIXED!

CRUCIAL REPORT IGNORED!

THE BIGGEST CONSULTATION EXERCISE EVER TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE NORTH WEST COULD BE A FRAUD!
PLANNERS OF THE NEW M/C RING ROAD HAVE DECEIVED THE TAMESIDE PUBLIC!

The planners have trumpeted the amount of 'public consultation' going on over the proposed routes for their ring road. But, they havn't told the public that local authorities are already buying up property on just one of the alternative routes - 79 properties have already been bought up on the 'red route'. This route cuts straight through the Clarendon Rd. residential area, crosses Droylesden Rd., and continues through the housing estate bordering Lees Park before joining the 'blue route' at Littlemoss.

TRAFFIC

The planners forecast an enormous increase in traffic by 1999 on all radial roads out of Manchester.
But, what they don't include in consultation documents is their own forecast that the new ring-road WILL NOT reduce traffic congestion on these roads. On the contrary they predict that traffic on Hyde Rd in Denton for example will increase 300% by 1999.
Needless to say, plans to 'improve' Hyde Rd. to a dual two or three lane carriageway are already in the pipeline.

Similar 'upgradings' of radial roads are expected to occur all over Grtr. M/cr. with or without the ring road.

M-WAY WORKS IN DENTON

IGNORED

The ring road plans now going ahead completely ignore a Govt. report published only last year. The 'Leitch report' strongly criticised the methods used by M-way planners to predict future traffic trends.
It recommends that planners stop assuming that traffic will inexorably increase and, instead base their forecasts on wider criteria, such as population trends, prices and incomes, age groups, family trends and the availability of public transport.
The report also questioned whether new 'trunk roads' benefit regional development at all.
In their own 'technical report' the planners admit that they did not take this report into account when planning the ring rd.
But they claim that any new forecasts 'would not materially affect the choice of allignments or the standards' of the road.

WHAT THEY DON'T CONSIDER IS WHETHER A NEW FORECAST WOULD SUPPORT BUILDING A NEW M-WAY AT ALL
(THANKS TO 'CITY ENQUIRER')

Idle threats!

Everyone has been finding it tricky getting from A to B recently, and kids trying to get to school on time are no exception.
However, it appears that transport difficulties, over which they have no control, are no excuse for kids being late to school - according to Lenny Leach, one of the Heads featured in last time's EYE.
On Weds. morning Jan 10th bus shortages were common and some kids were late to school.
L. J. Leach, Head at Flowery Fields Secondary School threatened 70 kids with the strap if they were late again, and with suspension if they were late after that.
The following day, Leach was challenged about this action and it was put to him that he had acted hastily. Apparently Leach reacted angrily declaring 'I am not having parents or staff telling me how to run my school', besides he added, these were only 'idle threats.'

COPLEY COCK-UP

BUILT BY THE SALFORD BASED COMPANY W. FEARNLEY & SONS LTD. UNDER THE AEGIS OF CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, COPLEY RECREATION CENTRE IS NOW OPERATING FEWER FACILITIES THAN EVER.

The centre officially opened on 13th Jan. this year, some 19 months late. In both a recent TV programme and newspaper article it was suggested by C. C. C. spokesmen that delays in opening were partly due to last minute changes in specification. This was not the case Re-location of a multi-gym and re designation of a meeting room as a sauna were required by Tameside but the major problems preventing full operation were blackened stained tiles around the two swimming pools and in changing rooms; cracks in a pool basin, and a badly leaking roof - according to the C. C. C. mere 'teething troubles'.
The centre began as a C. C. C. project seven years ago. The Manager Mr. Peter Bartlett has had no fewer than seven opening dates since Sept. 1977.

In Jan. of this year, due to the state of the roof, a burst occured flooding the first floor and the main hall. In the latter, which had been used since Sept. '77 by schools and which had housed three prestigious international events, a section of floor buckled and the hall is now also unusable.

The two pools, central attractions at Copley are still not available for use. The tiles however are even worse, and have not responded to cleaning over a trial period of 6 mths as suggested by the builders. The roof has yet again been fixed, but the floor in the hall is being left. Here too, the builders have suggested that the problem may correct itself.

Meanwhile, as the frustrated Mr. Bartlett has commented: 'This is hardly satisfactory, events have been cancelled, still the centre cannot remain open on a fully operational basis.'

BUNGLED BUNGALOWS

Mr & Mrs Harrison have lived in a pensioners bungalow on Hattersley for many years. Just before Christmas the ceiling above their toilet came crashing down. They have been predicting this ever since they first noticed damp in their bathroom.

Manchester have claimed for years that damp in Hattersley homes is due to 'condensation' and not to cheap building techniques.
The fact is that the builders of these Hattersley homes were sent off the job for bad workmanship, leaving a basic design fault behind them: a defective rainwater gully in all the pensioners bungalows.

Only now is some work being carried out on a few of the bungalows to attempt to put this right. So, after years of promises about renewing the whole roof, articles in the Reporter, inspection holes, Councillor's surgeries, Mr & Mrs. Harrison's ceiling collapses, - and they have still got to wait for their roof to be put right.

PLANNING PAYS OFF

A LOT OF MONEY IS BEING SPENT IN TAMESIDE TURNING NEAR-SLUMS INTO COMFORTABLE HOMES. A GOOD DEAL OF THIS IS CHANNELLED THROUGH "HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS" IN THE FORM OF COUNCIL GRANTS TO HELP THEM BUY AND IMPROVE OLD PROPERTY.
BUT SOME PEOPLE ARE CASHING IN ....

Recently, the West Pennine Housing Association applied to the Housing Services Committee for a loan of £13,022 to "purchase and improve" a house in the West End of Ashton. A lot of money for an old house!

Councillor Bailey (Lab) asked for a breakdown of the cost. And it seems that £2,172 of the £13,022 is ear-marked for 'expenses.' This is money over and above the amount needed to buy and improve the house.

And £1,356 of those expenses are going into the pockets of the architects. Architects' fees are fixed by the Royal Institute of British Architects. They get a standard 12.5% rake-off for one-off jobs and a further 8% on <u>every</u> house 'improved' on the same basic plan. So architects make their <u>real</u> money from the row-upon-row of dilapidated terraces being improved in action areas all over Tameside.

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GRADES OF WRATH

In these dark days of chaos and anarchy it is so refreshing to hear of a group of workers who have smashed through the Government guidlines and gained massive pay increases without having to resort to such ungentlemanly tactics as secondary picketing!

I refer, of course, to our own Tameside Chief Officers whose pay has just been enormously 'upgraded' by our thoughtful and compassionate Tory council.

Other papers have reported this but Tameside Eye, as ever, will now name the names and give you ALL the details of this brave and generous transaction....

Top of the league is Chief Executive David Spears whose wages crept up from only £9,414 a year to a merely adequate £15,645: an increase of over 60% which gave him an extra £124 per week.

Then came Mr. Leeming the Director of Administration, Mr. Townsend the Director of Finance, Mr. Mayall the Director of Education and Mr. Foster the Director of Social Services and Mr. Clayton, Director of Planning - who all got 70% increases upping their yearly pittance of £6,933 to £12,123.

Next came Chief Architect Mr. Bainbridge, Chief Engineer Baldwin, Chief Environmental Health Officer Houldsworth and new Building Services supremo Hill, who all had the pounds in their pockets multiplied by 75% from a pitiful £6,953 to a barely sufficient £12,123 a year - about £200 extra a week.
Mr. Hankes the Chief Estates Officer got 113% increase from £5,463 to £11,559 a year; about £120 extra a week.

Mr. Featherstone the Chief Librarian was upped from £5613 to £12,123, another 113% increase, an extra £132 a week, with which to ward off the depredations of the raging inflation caused - as we all know - by the boundless greed of the ordinary working man.

And, whilst Chief Officers are patriotically tightening their belts what are these ordinary workers doing? They are demanding outrageous increases of 30%. Shame. But that's not all. Take the case of a certain gravedigger in Tameside. This selfish man is already earning the princely sum of £42 a week for 40 hrs. easy work digging graves through brick and shale in the bracing winter air.
He's already been given a little tin hut (without water and lights we agree, but you can't have everything.) by his generous Chief officer.
But now he has the cheek to ask for a free pair of gloves to keep his hands warm - naturally this outrageous request was refused.
But how long can this be allowed to go on?
Isn't it time all right-minded people banded together to stamp out the wanton greed of the lower classes? Where is their spirit of self-sacrifice, in this our time of national need?

OINK!

Male chauvinist pig of the month must surely be Labour Councillor Jack Pettit. In the middle of a noisy fracas during the last full council meeting he was interrupted by Councillor Mrs. Tracey, the Tory Chairman of the Environmental Health Committee. Jack - who had been interrupted already by a number of male councillors - brought the house down when he shouted, "Shut up, woman. I won't have any woman interrupting me." Mrs. Tracey blushed and sat down.

HARD ON EASON

The political ambitions of Jimmy Eason the first Mayor of Tameside back in 1974 are being cruelly thwarted.
He's trying to get on his local Labour party selection panel and fro there secure a nomination as a council candidate.
His pals in the ward party want him, but the constituency does not.

And there again, the Regional Party bods want him. But, the district kill-joys don't.
Meanwhile, Jimmy waits, [illegible] his teeth, for the [illegible] once again to pace the [illegible]oors of power in Tameside.
Watch this space for thrilling developments.

BAD SMELL

A SPECIAL "COURT OF ENQUIRY" HAS EXONERATED A TAMESIDE OFFICIAL WHO WITH HELD VITAL DOCUMENTS FROM A TAMESIDE COUNCILLOR BUT THE COUNCILLORS IN THE COURT NEVER SAW THE DOCUMENTS THE COUNCIL WITH HELD.

The document in question was a Sterling Mouldings report on the dangerous chemical leak in a Dukinfield factory that eventually let to their prosecution last November.

The Councillor who wanted to see it was Wilkinson (Lab) who represents a Dukinfield Ward.
At the special court set up to investigate the case the only evidence presented was Houldsworth's own word that the report was a private memo given to him personally and was thus not the property of the council. None of the councillors sitting in the court actually saw this report.
According to Roy Oldham, Deputy Leader of the Labour Group in council, the case is now closed unless 'further evidence is submitted'

TAMESIDE EYE HAS THAT EVIDENCE IN THE FORM OF A COPY OF THE CONTROVERSIAL REPORT. IF ANY TAMESIDE COUNCILLOR - LABOUR OR TORY - WISHES TO SEE IT THEY ARE MORE THAN WELCOME.

MAGISTRATES HAVE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF POWER, BUT THEIR METHOD OF SELECTION IS SECRET
AND PERSONAL DETAILS ARE ZEALOUSLY GUARDED THIS SPECIAL EYE REPORT PENETRATES THE VE

JUSTICE IN

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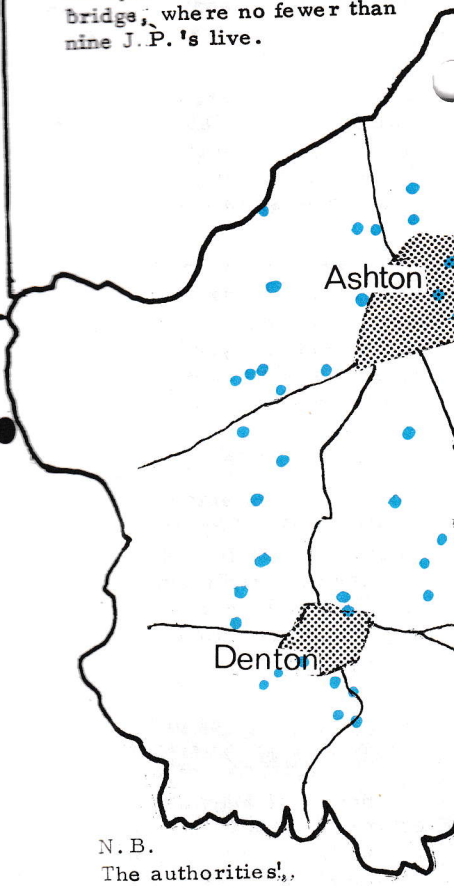
What do JPs do...

In theory, they swear to ' do right to all manner of people. .... without fear or favour, affection or goodwill. '
In practice they:
1. Hear and sentence petty crimes (in general those where the possible punishment is 3 months or less imprisonment e.g. driving offences, drinking, theft etc.).
2. Deal with ALL offences (except homicide) committed by people under 17 years.
3. Deal with 'domestic' proceedings (e.g. maintenance, custody of children etc.).
4. Grant liquor and betting licenses, summonses and warrants for search and arrest and witness documents etc.
They're unpaid and most have some other employment.
They have no legal knowledge but a few days training and the advice of the (trained and paid) Clerk of the Court.

Ashton & S. Tameside JP's who l
near the people they represent, h
preference for spacious suburbs.
Note the cluster just north of Ash
near the golf course. Another fa
ite spot is Mottram Old Road, Sta
bridge, where no fewer than
nine J.P.'s live.



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The authorities'
secrecy makes it possible
that one or two statistics here
are out of date. We apologise

Old, middle class...

IN 1966 THE LORD CHANCELLOR SAID "IT IS IMPORTANT THAT JUSTICES OF THE PEACE SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND SHOULD REPRESENT ALL SHADES OF OPINION."
THIS IS NOT THE CASE IN TAMESIDE.
Here, the bench is old, middle-class and sexually unbalanced.

At the main Magistrates court in Ashton.....

Male J.P.'s outnumber the females by more than two to one (60 men and 31 women).

50 of the total 91 Magistrates are over 50 years old, 26 are aged between 40 and 59 and only 15 are under 40.

The Bench is ALL white, there are NO Asians represented.

IN A RANDOM SAMPLE OF 69 ASHTON MAGISTRATES EYE INVESTIGATORS FOUND THAT.....

Only 7 were manual workers.
19 were businessmen or women.
10 were in the 'professions'
14 were white collar' workers.
And, only 5 were skilled tradesmen.

14 Magistrates said they were housewives, and 9 of these gave details of their husbands jobs. (5 were married to doctors and 4 to businessmen).

Overall, our survey shows that 62% of Magistrates at Ashton are middle class and only 38% working class.
This is the opposite of the situation in Tameside where the vast majority of people are working class.

Your social and political status is probably more important than your job when it comes to getting nominated and accepted as a J.P.
No fewer than 20 of our 69 J.P.'s were either councillors or ex-councillors and a further three were closely related to councillors.

There were five presidents and past presidents of local rotary clubs, and one vice-president.
We discovered nine Rotarians

"A J.P. needs to understand t
ions that make people commit
I'm not saying you should be
you should be able to understa
if you live in Marple or Mottr
can't possibly understand a la
Victoria St., Ashton."
ASHTO

in all, but there are undoubte
ly many more (including, as i
happens, Mr. Gordon, the
Clerk of Court at Ashton.

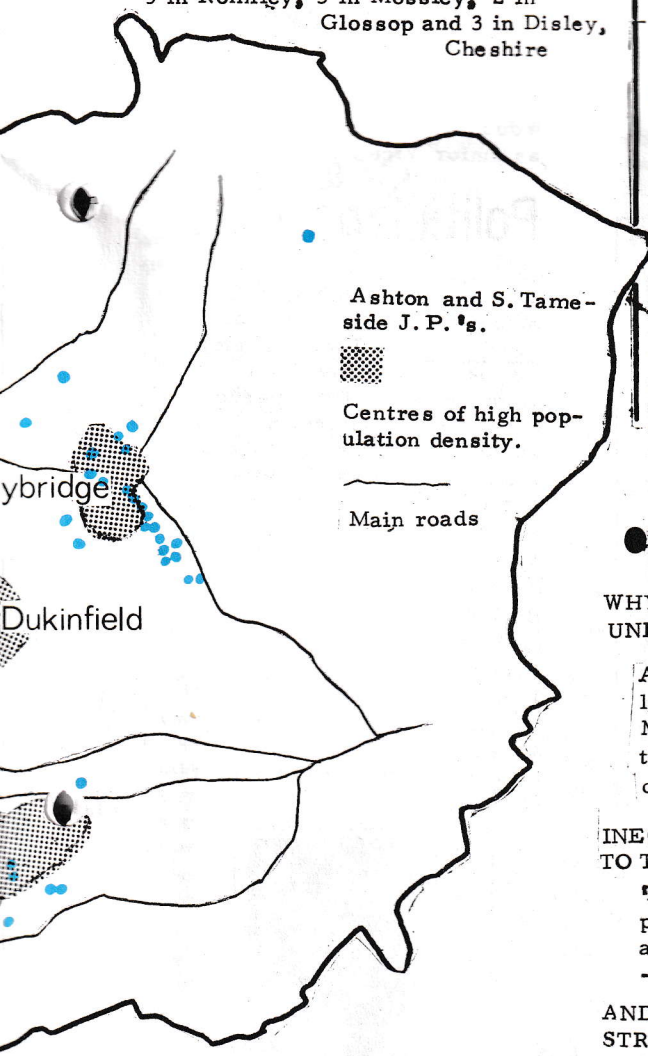
We discovered two local Masons, one of whom admitte
to being Chairman of the Ashton Lodge, and there are
certainly more.

HEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNITY THEY SERVE, BUT THEIR NAMES, ADDRESSES
F SECRECY SURROUNDING THE TAMESIDE BENCH TO GIVE YOU THE FACTS.....

THE DOCK

they live---

24 Ashton J. P.'s live outside this map, 5 in Romiley, 5 in Mossley, 2 in Glossop and 3 in Disley, Cheshire



...and who chooses them?

Good question. Officially, in our part of the world, the Lord Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. But, a secret local committee advises him; they interview the prospective J. P., make sure he/she has no criminal record, check on his/her politics etc. (interesting to note that back in 1966 the Lord Chancellor said he had no objection to the identities of these advisory committees being revealed. Why are they still a secret? And, in Ashton, it is difficult even to find the identities of the J. P.'s themselves. 1978 Appointments did not appear in the trusty 'Reporter' as they have done each previous year, and the Clerk of the Court, Mr. Gordon, is most unwilling to disclose their names.
The first stage is to be nominated; and anyone CAN do that.
You can nominate yourself by filling in a form available from the Clerk of the Court. Good luck!

...and why...

WHY IS THE ASHTON BENCH UNREPRESENTATIVE ?

A J. P. is required to attend at least 26 sessions per year. Many people cannot get so much time off work-those two own their own firms are more fortunate.

INEQUALITY IS WRITTEN INTO THE RULES.....

'Each Bench should have a proper proportion of women.. at least one to every two men' - Proper proportion??

AND BUILT INTO THE STRUCTURE

No creche provision is made- so ordinary housewives find it impossible to become J. P.'s

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'There used to be a fair number Trades Union people coming onto the Bench, now it's stopped, and it's mainly because the Trades Council and now the Labour party won't nominate' says an Ashton J. P. Trades Council and Labour Party nominations were almost automatically accepted. Bert Ellicott, Secretary of The Trades Council, told Tameside Eye that the decision not to nominate any more J. P.'s was made 18 months ago 'Because we don't believe that they do any good for working people.'
He dismisses J. P.ps as 'not very expert, not adequate' and would like to see all Magistrates paid. A point that rankles is that would-be J. P.'s, after gaining Trades Council nominations, often dropped out of Trades Council involvement; and the constituency Labour party makes the same complaint. They have stopped nominating 'because the people who became J. P.'s tend to disappear from the Labour party.'
(no doubt under pressure of all that voluntary work and giddy social round).

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That giddy social round;
Ashton J. P.'s are predominantly part of the same social network, sponsored by Councillors, fellow charitable committee members, or existing J. Ps selected by a secret committee of J. P.'s who got there by the same route.
It's a middle class roundabout.
And, with the Trades Council and the Labour Party sulking in corners, it looks like staying that way.

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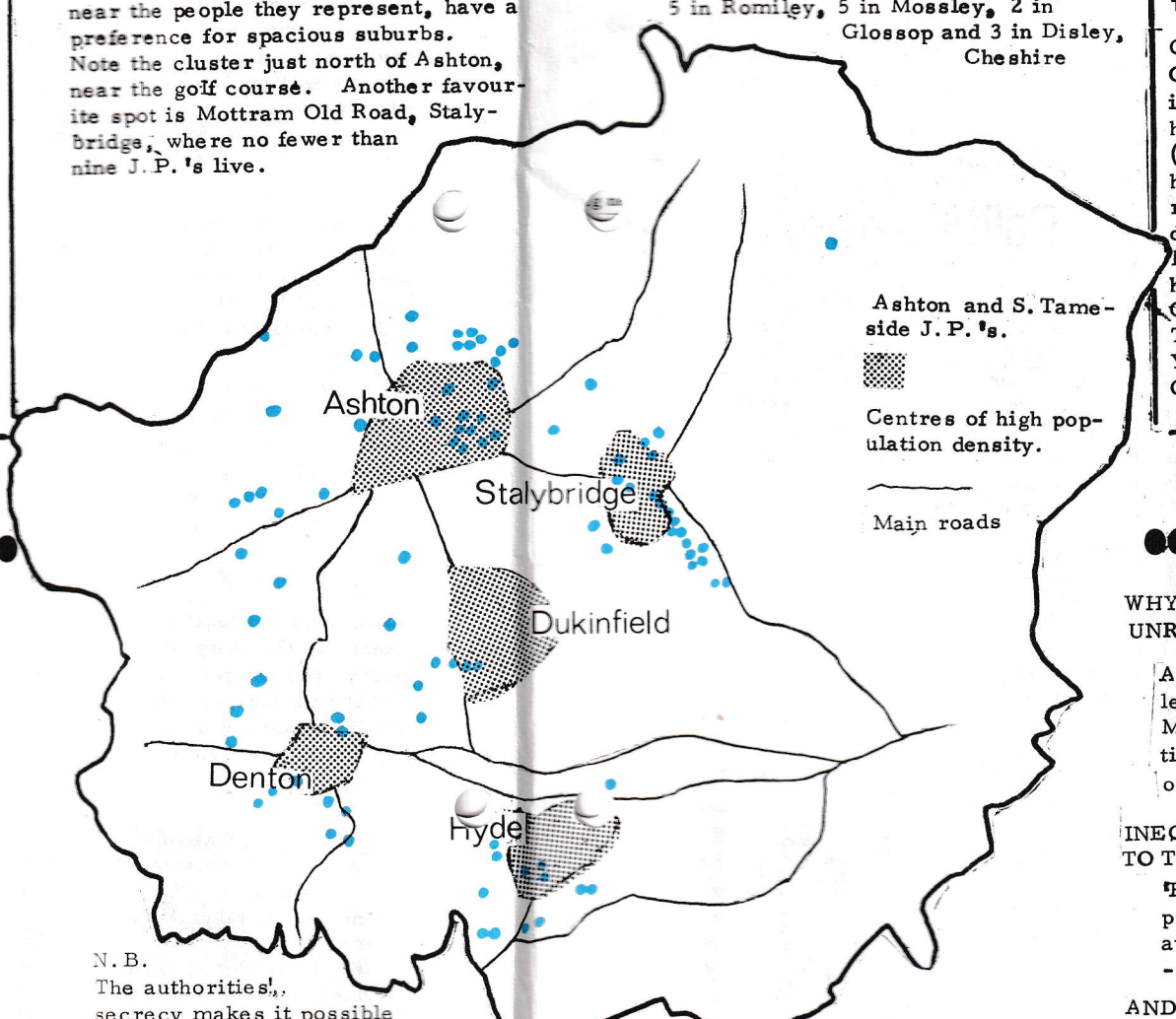
Ashton & S. Tameside JP's who live near the people they represent, have a preference for spacious suburbs. Note the cluster just north of Ashton, near the golf course. Another favourite spot is Mottram Old Road, Stalybridge, where no fewer than nine J.P.'s live.

24 Ashton J.P.'s live outside this map, 5 in Romiley, 5 in Mossley, 2 in Glossop and 3 in Disley, Cheshire



N.B.
The authorities' secrecy makes it possible that one or two statistics here are out of date. We apologise.

"A J.P. needs to understand the conditions that make people commit crimes. I'm not saying you should be lenient, but you should be able to understand. And if you live in Marple or Mottram you can't possibly understand a lad from Victoria St., Ashton."
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in all, but there are undoubtedly many more (including, as it happens, Mr. Gordon, the Clerk of Court at Ashton.

We discovered two local Masons, one of whom admitted to being Chairman of the Ashton Lodge, and there are certainly more.

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MAGISTRATES: who are they? who do they know?

STATISTICS CAN HELP US UNDERSTAND INSTITUTIONS. BUT IT'S PEOPLE WHO RUN THEM. SO WHO ARE THE TAMESIDE MAGISTRATES?

Lord and Lady Kenyon are two of the most prominent.

Lord (alias George) Kenyon J.P. was Chairman of the South Tameside Bench in 1977, but in real life he's a leading local industrialist with fingers in many pies. There's the family firm, William Kenyon & Sons and Directorships on a number of other companies. He's the Chairman of Tootals, Chairman of the Governing body of Manchester University and a member of the Civic Trust for the North west, which has its offices in the Tootal building in M/cr.

Lady (alias Christine) Kenyon J.P. is a leading light on the Tameside Juvenile bench, and runs the charitable side of the family operation.

Her most powerful position is Chairwoman of the Area Health Authority which is the controlling body for the National Health Service in Tameside and district.

Fellow J.P. Joseph Trevor is also on the A.H.A.

Closely connected to the A.H.A. is the Tameside Community Health Council, on which august body sits Mrs. Amy Malloch J.P. (Ashton), (who is also the secretary of the Ashton Inner Wheel Club), and Miss Tattershall J.P. (Ashton), who is also the Chairwoman of the League of Hospital Friends and the Chairwoman of the Ashton Soroptomists Club.

Sitting on the Community Health Council with Mrs. Malloch and Miss Tattershall is that prominent Tory Councillor, Mrs. Newsome, whose husband, Mr. Philip Newsome J.P. sits on the Ashton bench

Retiring Rotary Club president Mr. J. Millin J.P. (right) with his successor Mr. J. Hawke J.P.

Rotarians

Miss Tattershall will undoubtedly be familiar with fellow soroptomist Mrs. M. Smith, J.P. (Ashton) who, like Mrs. Amy Mallock (see above) is a member of the local Inner Wheel.

Soroptomists are the female Rotarians and the two organisations often get together.

So, it is not beyond the realms of possibility that the Soroptomical ladies above will have crossed the paths of Tameside Rotarians Mr. E.B. Cranmer J.P. (Ashton), The President of the Denton and Audenshaw Rotary; self-employed builder William Edward Pearce J.P. (Ashton) and his colleagues on the Ashton Rotary, Mr. Jack Millin J.P. (Ashton) Managing Director of his family company, Mr. John Hawke J.P. (Ashton) (another Managing Director), and Mr. Austen Wood J.P. (Ashton), who is the "Wood" in Falkingham and Wood, the well-known local estate agents.

As it happens Mr. Millin J.P. has just handed over the presidency of the Ashton rotary to John Hawke and Austen Wood J.P. has just taken over as junior Vice President.

Politicians

Prominent politicians on the bench include ex-councillor Donald Thorpe J.P. (Ashton) the master-mind behind the Tameside Education fiasco. Donald is the Chairman of the Tameside Conservative Assoc. and successful steel broker, who may well have had the occasion to chat with Alvin Drinkwater J.P. (Ashton) the Deputy Head of Littlemoss Boys School and the Chairman of the Ashton Conservative Assoc, and Cllr. John Stelfox J.P. (Ashton) the Chairman of Droylesden Conservative Assoc. a Manager of Ashton Grammar School, and the Deputy Mayor of Tameside.

Cllr. J. Stelfox J.P.

So, what is it these men and women have in common? Is it, in the words of Mrs. Margaret Waite J.P. (Ashton) - the local secretary of the Royal Lifeboat Assoc. and a doctor's wife that "they were all born with a sense of fairness and justice. ?

WOMEN'S HEALTH

An occasional feature on women's health:

CYSTITIS

Cystitis is usually caused by bacteria from the bowel spreading to the bladder. Both men and women can get cystitis but women are more prone to it because of the closeness of the openings of the bladder, vagina and bowel. The symptoms are a continuous need to pass water, a burning sensation when passing water and general discomfort and pain around the urethra (bladder opening).

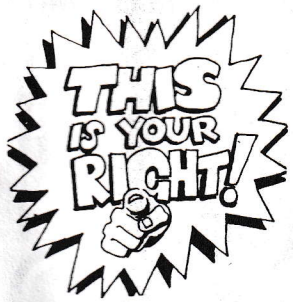
Many women suffer recurrent attacks of cystitis. This could be avoided by following a fairly simple daily routine.

1. Drink at least 4 pints of water a day and especially a large glass at bedtime.
2. Wash between the legs with a flannel twice a day, using mild soap (don't use antisceptic or deodorant).
3. Wear cotton pants and avoid wearing tight trousers and tights.
4. Avoid long soaks in hot baths.
5. Pass water after intercourse and wash yourself, encourage your partner to wash too.

If you do have an attack take one tsp. of bicarbonate of soda at once. Take up to 3 tps. in the next three hours (but no more).

If the pain is severe or continues for several days your doctor will probably prescribe an antibiotic. But antibiotics kill good bacteria as well as bad, so your natural resistance may be lowered.

Next month's feature will be on:- Thrush



A Regular Feature on Welfare Rights.

This month:-

Electricity rebates

Help with the winter electricity bill.

People on supplementary benefit, family income supplement and rent and rate rebates will be entitled to help with their electricity bills this quarter.

A quarter of the bill over £20 will be allowed in the form of a voucher obtainable from the post office.

To claim the voucher you must take your electricity bill and your F.I.S. or D.H.S.S. book along to the post office. If on a rent or rate rebate you will get a letter from the council which must be produced instead.

People with slot meters should go to the electricity showrooms and arrange to gat a statement of the amount emptied in the quarter. On production of this at the post office they will receive their discount in cash.

In addition to this people on supplementary benefit or F.I.S. will get an extra £5 in their allowance in the week beginning the 22nd Jan.

Ask at your post office, D.H.S.S., Electricty Showroom or local authority office for a leaflet with all the details of the scheme.

'RACIST COURT' CLAIM

Tameside CARF (Campaign against Racism and Fascism) leaders have been dealt severe sentences by Ashton Magistrates Court, including a fine of £300 for a Labour Councillor (no previous convictions) for joining a protest outside Ashton Police Station.

CARF claims the police and courts are biased in favour of the National Front, and against anti racists, and many organisations, including Ashton Labour Party and the Trades Council endorse this.

Robert Sheldon M.P. is to take up complaints about the Ashton Court with the Lord Chancellor.

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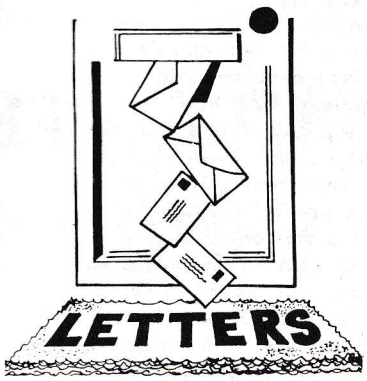

Please send your letters to - 109 Oxford Rd., Manchester 1. Please include your name and address even if you don't want it to be published.

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Dear Tameside Eye,
Congratulations on issue No 3. (and the others too). Tameside Eye hits hard where it hurts and at last we are getting to know the real facts about what goes on in the area. Well done, keep it up, we need you!

From an Eye-Catcher,

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Dear Tameside Eye,
In the last issue you told of how the Youth and Community Dept. has restricted the use of video equipment by community groups. This was in response to a film made by Mossley Residents Group, which was critical of Tameside policy, This control of community resources amounts to a suppression of anti-establishment feeling, a suppression which is parallelled by the policy of banning 'political statements' within the Youth & Community Dept.
I am a social work student and recently applied to do a practical placement at Broadoak Youth and Community Centre. I was unable to accept the placement however, as I was informed that a condition of the offer was that I did not wear my Anti Nazi League badge. Either that or wear an N.F. badge on the other lapel!
A.E. ENTICKNAP
Broadbottom, Hyde.

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Dear Tameside Eye,
Tameside Eye got it wrong again.
Social workers were not annoyed with Cllr. Webb for not turning up at our crisis meeting. His apologies were tendered with sickly monotony. Social workers were annoyed because friend Joe was brow beaten into not turning up
Social Services was collapsing (and still is) and we wanted to talk to both sides of council about it. Joe Webb apparently trusts to judgement of Cllr. Fearn and Tom Foster, which he shares with nobody else! Perhaps when Labour takes power they will take a greater interest in social services - fat chance!

Name and address supplied

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Dear Tameside Eye,
British Rail claims that the running of four trans-Pennine lines is 'uneconomical' and indicates that the Woodhead is the one which must go. With it will go 300 rail jobs, With unemployment in the Glossop area already at about twleve percent it can ill afford to lose these and its rail link to Manchester. The railway unions say that the Woodhead is the vital link to further expansion of electrified railways in Britain,
The root of the reason behind the closure can be put into two words: private profit.
Some of the traffic on the rail link will undoubtedly be re-routed by road, giving impetus to the construction of the planned motorway, already encroaching on Glossop from Longendale.
With motorway construction, the Government pays and the private road hauliers and construction giants gain profits. Besides that, the Government could 'earn' up to £1,000 a mile scrap value from tearing up the tracks.
Glossop, Hadfield and District Trades Council is taking steps to fight the Woodhead closure. A Glossop, Hadfield and Longendale Transport Action group was set up to organise local groups and political parties on the issue.
The concrete demands of the action group are :
1. No further railway closures.
2. Re-electrification and upgrading of the Woodhead to allow for the return of the passenger service.
3. Full public knowledge of British Rail's plans for the future of the railways.
4. No motorway through Glossop and Hadfield district.
Trades Unions from South Yorkshire to Manchester are active in their support of the campaign and of the railway workers most directly involved.

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SYD LAWRENCE AND HIS ORCHESTRA
Seats £2.25, £1.75, £1.25

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JOHNNY AND THE HURRICANES
Plus SCREAMING LORD SUTCH
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FRIDAY, MARCH 2, at 7.45 p.m.
THE BEST OF BOB WILLIAMSON
IN CONCERT PLUS SUPPORTING SHOW
Seats £1.75, £1.50, £1.25

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, at 7.30 p.m.
FIVEPENNY PIECE IN CONCERT
Seats £2.50, £2, £1.50

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THE OTHER SIDE OF
MICHEL LEGRAND
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TUESDAY, MARCH 6, for five days at 7.30 p.m.
OH WHAT A LOVELY WAR
by JOAN LITTLEWOOD and GERRY RAFFLES
This is one of the most exciting musicals of our age, and must surely go down in the annals of theatrical history
Seats £2, £1.50, £1. Two seats for the price of one on Tuesday. Reduced prices for senior citizens and children, Wed to Sat.

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THE LONDON OPERA GROUP presents
THE MAGIC FLUTE
Seats £1.50. Senior citizens and children £1

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WHATS ON

theatre

*Tameside Theatre Oldham Rd. AUL. 308 3223.
Tue Feb 6th for 5 days
ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA NORTH present ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD.
Tue, Thur, Sat. 7.30pm & HANSEL & GRETEL Wed, Fri. 7.30pm.

English National Opera North is a newly formed company. The two operas they are offering are mercifully unhighbrow for those dubious about being entertained by stocky men and women, singing loudly in a foreign language when they're standing next to each other.

'Hansel and Gretel' is a traditional witch-broomstick-icing sugar house situation. Actually an enjoyable night out. 'Orpheus in the Underworld' is a send-up of the myth: Eurydice, tired of her harping husband, is letting it all hang loose in hell. In my press blurb it says the god Jupiter is disguised as "a golden fly." Judging by his reputation for unzipping at the drop of a nymph, this could qualify for pun of the year.

*Feb 12th GREASE for 6 dys.
*Sun Feb. 18th 7.30pm
SYD LAWRENCE & HIS ORCHESTRA

*Sun Feb. 25th 7.30pm
JOHNNY & THE HURRICANES plus SCREAMING LORD SUTCH (I thought he was dead!)
*Fri. 2nd Mar. 7.45pm
BOB WILLIAMSON IN CONCERT
*Sat. Mar. 3rd 7.30 pm
FIVEPENNY PC.IN CONCERT
*Sun. Mar. 4th 7.30 pm
THE OTHER SIDE OF MICHEL LEGRAND
*Tue 6th Mar. for 5 days
OH WHAT A LOVELY WAR

* Opera House 834 1787
Feb 5th Wkds. 7.30pm. Sats. 5pm & 8pm. Weds. Mat. 2.30
GEORGE & MILDRED
Brian Murphy, Yootha Joyce
*Feb. 12th wkds. 7.30. Sats 5pm & 8pm YES WE HAVE NO PYJAMAS.
Get it? Pyjamas -Bananas (giggle) and it's got Fiona Richmond peeling off in this 'sexual romp' (snigger), but why haven't they got a matinee? Bring your raincoat.

*Feb 19th. Skds. 7.30. Mats. Tue & Sat. 2.30pm
SADLERS WELLS ROYAL BALLET.
Mon/Tue COPPELIA
Wed/Thr PATINEURS, RAKES PROGRESS, ELITE SYNCOPATIONS.
Fri/Sat LES SYLPHIDES, TWO PIGEONS.

*Coliseum Theatre Oldham. 624 2829 'till Feb. 10th
BEDROOM FARCE by Alan Ayckbourn.
14th Feb - 3rd Mar.
VICTORIAN SCANDALS incl. a performance of Sweeney Todd, the demon barber.
Mar. 7th - 24th SAINT JOAN by George Bernard Shaw
*Octagon Theatre, Bolton Bn. 20661.
Feb 13 - Mar 10. MRS. WARREN'S PROFESSION by George Bernard Shaw

Mar. 13 - Apr 7th ENTER A FREE MAN by Tom Stoppard
*Davenport Theatre, Stkpt. 483 3801. 'till Feb 17th.
BABES IN THE WOOD 7p.m. Check for matinee times.
*Library Theatre M/cr. 236 7110 'till 24th Feb.
ABIGAIL'S PARTY by Mike Leigh.
28th Feb - 24th Mar. THE SHADOW OF A GUNMAN by Sean O'Casey.
*Forum Theatre, Wythenshawe 437 9663.
2nd Feb - 24th Feb. WHEN THE ACTORS COME by Don Taylor.
2nd Mar - 24th Mar. BEDROOM FARCE by Alan Ayckbourn

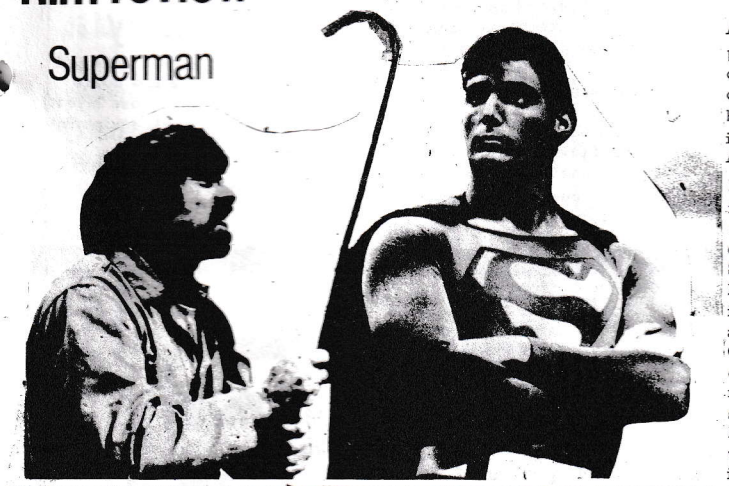
*Royal Exchange Theatre 833 9833 Feb 8 - Mar 17th
THE SCHOOL MISTRESS

*University Theatre Devas St. M/cr. 273 5696
Feb 7th 7.30, 8th at 2.30 & 7.30, 9th at 2.30
DER GESTIEFELTE KATER (Puss in Boots) by Zudwig Tieck. Written in 1797 it contains some surprisingly modern Pirandello-like touches. Performed by The German Soc.
Feb 14th - 17th 7.30 Drama Group present SPRING AWAKENING by Frank Wedekiend concerns young adolescents fight against the 'hypocritical morality of their parents'
Feb 21st - 24th 7.30pm
CHICKEN SOUP WITH BARLEY by Arnold Wesker. Follows the fortunes, attitudes and shifting ethnic ideals of one east end Jewish family in 1936, 1946 and a decade later.

*Feb 28th - 30th 7.30 Mat. 2.30 on 29th. Spanish Soc. in LA CAMISLA (the shirt) by Lauro Olmo. Performed in Spanish. Focuses on life in slums of Madrid.

film review

Superman



"HIT ME WITH YOUR RHYTHM STICK!" (Superman is the one on the right).

'Jaws', 'Star Wars', 'Close Encounters', 'Grease', and now Superman are not so much films as highly successful marketing operations. The real star of this kind of production isn't the mechanical fish that chews up Robert Shaw, or Olivia Newton John rupturing herself trying to act, or even Christopher Reeves swinging around on strings in his bright scarlet underpants.

The real star isn't anybody you see or hear on the screen. The real star is the corporate organisation that orchestrated the world-wide media-hysteria in time for the arrival of each one of these films - and its attendant gravy train. Sometimes, of course, the package doesn't fit on the train. The remake of King Kong for example, trailed it's wrists along the ground all the way to the scrap heap.

And Superman is no masterpiece either. As a spectacle - the modern equivalent of taking a peek at the three headed chicken at the fair - it's probably worth the money. As a film it isn't.

It's badly paced and filmed in an odd mixture of styles: ranging from Close Encounter-Serious to Batman-Spoof. Superman's origins on Krypton and his early life in the American Midwest are taken seriously, with Glenn Ford as Superman's earthly dad making a far more convincing job of the sentimental screen play than Marlon Brando, whose wrinkled browed contribution as Superman's real father on Krypton was rather over-priced at around £200,000 a minute. But, when our hero moves to Metropolis and gets a job at the Daily Planet the film begins to walk a tightrope between gentle spoof and outright pisstake. Gene Hackman's Lex Luther is done like the villains in the Batman T.V. series and like them, is irritatingly unfunny. But, he is there mainly to provide Warner Bros. with the opportunity for showing off the special effects they spent all that money on: Superman knocking down mountains, stopping earthquakes, chasing missiles and generally being Super in an attempt to stop his villainous plots.
And, while all this is going on the conventional love interest is being supplied by Margot Kidder, as Lois Lane the gutsy girl reporter. But Lois (we are assured) like all these 'Liberated women' really wants to be swept off her feet by a Superman, which is what Reeve - literally - does.

Listings

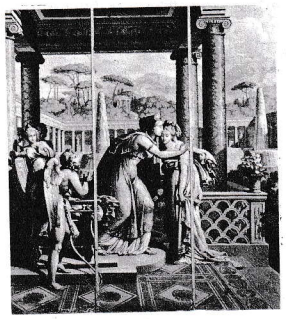
*Ashton Odeon 330 1995
Feb. 3rd wk. HOOPER starring Burt Reynolds.

Mon. 26th Feb. 8.0p.m.
West End Community Cen. John St, (off Stockport Rd) Ashton.
Film. "Put yourself in my place".
A look at a day in the life of a man and woman who change roles. A 20 minute film plus discussion. Ring Anne - Mossley 6347 after 6p.m. for more details.

visual arts

WOODCUT BY ERIC GILL

*Whitworth Art Gallery
Jan 20 - Mar.10.
TREASURES FROM CHATSWORTH. The Devonshire Collection, assembled by the successive Dukes from the 17th Century, incldes. paintings, sculpture, drawings & prints, furniture, tapestries, silver plate and porcelain. These exhibits are not normally on display in Chatsworth itself, so that this exhibition provides a unique opportunity to see them.
While this exhibition is on, the gallery is also displaying a group of early 19th Cent. French wallpapers as well as a collection of British Woodcuts.



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GREAT WINE CISTERN. C.1718.

*Astley Cheetham Art Gallry. Stalybridge. Feb 6 - Mar 3.
BRAQUE EXHIBITION
Graphics by the co-founder of cubism, along with Picasso
*Rochdale Art Gallery
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*Feb 10th Milton Hall, Deansgate, M/cr.
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record reviews

The Police

"Outlandos D'Amour"
A & M Records

This record was brought out at the end of last year and its got to be one of '78s better efforts. The Police were formed in Jan 1977 and are:- Stewart Copeland on drums, Andy Summers on guitar and Sting on Bass Guitar and Vocals. Sting I've seen on quite a few occasions when he played in a Newcastle based band under the name of Last Exit. He played Jazz/Rock then but I suspect he's happier playing the loud, raunchy rock music evident on this album. Stewart Copeland was formerly with Curved Air, and Andy Summers has worked alongside Kevin Ayers and Kevin Coyne. O.K., the sound. Well, it's raw, so raw as to be painful. Everything seems to have been stripped away, every unnecessary sound, until it's reduced to a bare skeleton, just guitar, bass and drum. Totally economical; like Free used to be, but they don't sound a fraction like those heroes of yesteryear. Sting's excellent bass playing is underdone just enough to push forward his distinctive voice and the sparingly applied guitar licks from Andy Summers.
There is a variety of songs played in a variety of styles. Each song is good enough to be a single: in fact, three of them have been. "So Lonely" the current single in here along with "Roxanne" and "Can't Stand losing you."

"Roxanne" must have been last year's most ignored 45: white reggae, nothing missing, nothing there that shouldn't be. A perfect record.

E.L.O.

Three Light Years
Jet Records

Now that ELO are phenomenally successful (their L. P. "Out of the Blue" has been in the album charts for well over a year), someone has had the bright idea to put three of their previous L. P's, released when they were not so popular, into a boxed set to cash in on their current popularity. The three records in this set are:- On the Third Day, Eldorado and Face the Music and they are, I think, the three L. P's made following Roy Wood's departure. The bright idea is actually a good idea as ELO have been most consistent with their music from the outset. This set is possibly superior to "Out of the Blue". It's got some classic tracks on it - "Ma Ma Belle" and "Evil Woman" plus numerous classical touches on incredibly melodious rock songs that are sometimes almost Beatlesque in quality.
My criticism of these records is that they do try to sound too much like the Beatles at times, Jeff Lynne occasionally sounding more like John Lennon than the man himself. This is a pity because he has a good voice of his own. However, it is a small criticism and he doesn't do it any more.
The boxed set with lyric sheet sells for nine poinds which is good value for money at three pounds per record. You don't get the original sleeves inside though. Pity.

= Mick Lomas

Wanted Urgently

Someone to help in typing of EYE editorial (a few hours during the week before layout) Typewriter and all equipment supplied.
Sorry - we can't offer wages, only eternal thanks.
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music listings

JAZZ
*Palatine Inn, Hadfield
Thurs. Spreadeagle Stamford St. 'Fourplay'

PUB ROCK
*Mon, Tue, Wed. Birch Hotel Birch St. AUL
Wed, Fri, Sat. Spreadeagle Stamford St. AUL. Roger Read Sound.
Thur, Fri. Commercial Hotel, Melbourne St. Stalybrg.
Fri, Sat, Sun lunch/evg. Globe Hotel Old St. AUL

FOLK
*Sun. Rose and Crown Stalybrg. Free. Well established club.

*Mon. White Gates, Hyde. CAMRA pub usually exc. music.

*Tues. The Clarence AUL. New club. Bass Charrington pub-worth a visit

*Weds. Cross Keys Uppermill Warm atmosphere.

*Thurs. Commercial Glossop Traditional club run by Terry Walsh.

*Fri. Rose and Crown Stalybg. Good club, gets crowded so go early.

*Sat. Stalybrg. Railway Station Buffet. Cramped but cosy, a few seats.

The General Store
11 Norfolk St., Glossop
Third World & Local Crafts
Cards, Pictures, etc
Open Wed to Sat, 10-6

community

ASHTON

West End Community Centre (339 2728) Worker Guy Heppner.
Activities:
Mums & Tots Tue, Wed. 9.30 - 11.30 Kath Nuttall, Ryecroft Cottage, William St. AUL
Sunshine Club (OAPs) Tues 2-4.0 contact Jessie c/o Centre.
Youth Club Mon. Wed. 7-10.00
Arts & Crafts Tue. 7.30-9.30
Winnie Whiteside, 33 Trafalgar St
M.I.N.D. Thur. 7.30-9.30 c/o Centre.
Whist Club. Thur. Sat. 7.30-9.30
Karate Club. Sun. 10-12.00
J. Dransfield c/o Centre.
Indian Youth Group Sat. 2.00 contact c/o Centre.
Broadoak Youth Centre 339 2302
Broadoak Rd. AUL
Worker: Graham Evans
Activities:
Snr. Youth Club. Mon. Wed. Fri. 7-10.00
Jnr. Youth Club. Tue. Thur. 6.30-8.30
Mums & Tots. Tue. 2-4.00
Mrs. Barker, 124 Broadoak Rd. AUL.
Thurs. 2-4.00 Mrs. Cox, 5 Timperly Fold AUL.

Playgroup. Mon-Fri. 9-12.00 contact c/o Centre.
Handicapped Club. Wed. Thur. 2.00 Social Services, Mercian House, AUL.
Childminders. Fri. a.m. Mrs. Jeffs, 62 Princess St. AUL.
Junior club Christmas show 19th Dec. and party.

HYDE

Hyde Youth & Community Centre. (368 6372) Lwr. Bennet St. Hyde.
Worker: Gerald Cooper.
Activities:
Snr. Youth Club. Mon. Thur. Fri. 7-10.00
Jnr. Youth Club. Thurs 7-9.00 Sat. 10-12.00
Playgroup Mon, Wed. 9.30-11.30 contact c/o Centre.
Young Wives (Probation Service) Tues. 10-12.00
Badminton Wed. 7-10.00 contact c/o Centre.

Snr. Citizens - every other Wed. Mrs. Brierley, 251 Dukinfield Rd. Hyde (368 6386)
Lunch Club Thurs. 12 - 1.00 Bill Lowe c/o Centre.
Toy Library Sat 2 - 4.00 contact Centre.

Adult Literacy. Mon. Wed. 7 - 9 Barbara Burgess, Warrington House, Church St. AUL (330 8888)
Special plug for Mums & Tots Tue & Thur 1.15 - 3.30 pm. badminton, T.T., sewing, toys for kids, and snacks.
Lunch every Thur. from 12.00. Every one welcome.
OAP's Mon 2 - 4pm Darts, pool, whist, T.T. crafts, bingo

DENTON

Denton Youth & Community Centre (336 4881) Prestwich St. Denton. Worker: John Burns.
Jnr. Youth Club. Tue. 6.30-8.30
Mums & Tots. Mon. 10-12.00.
Thurs. 1.-3.00.

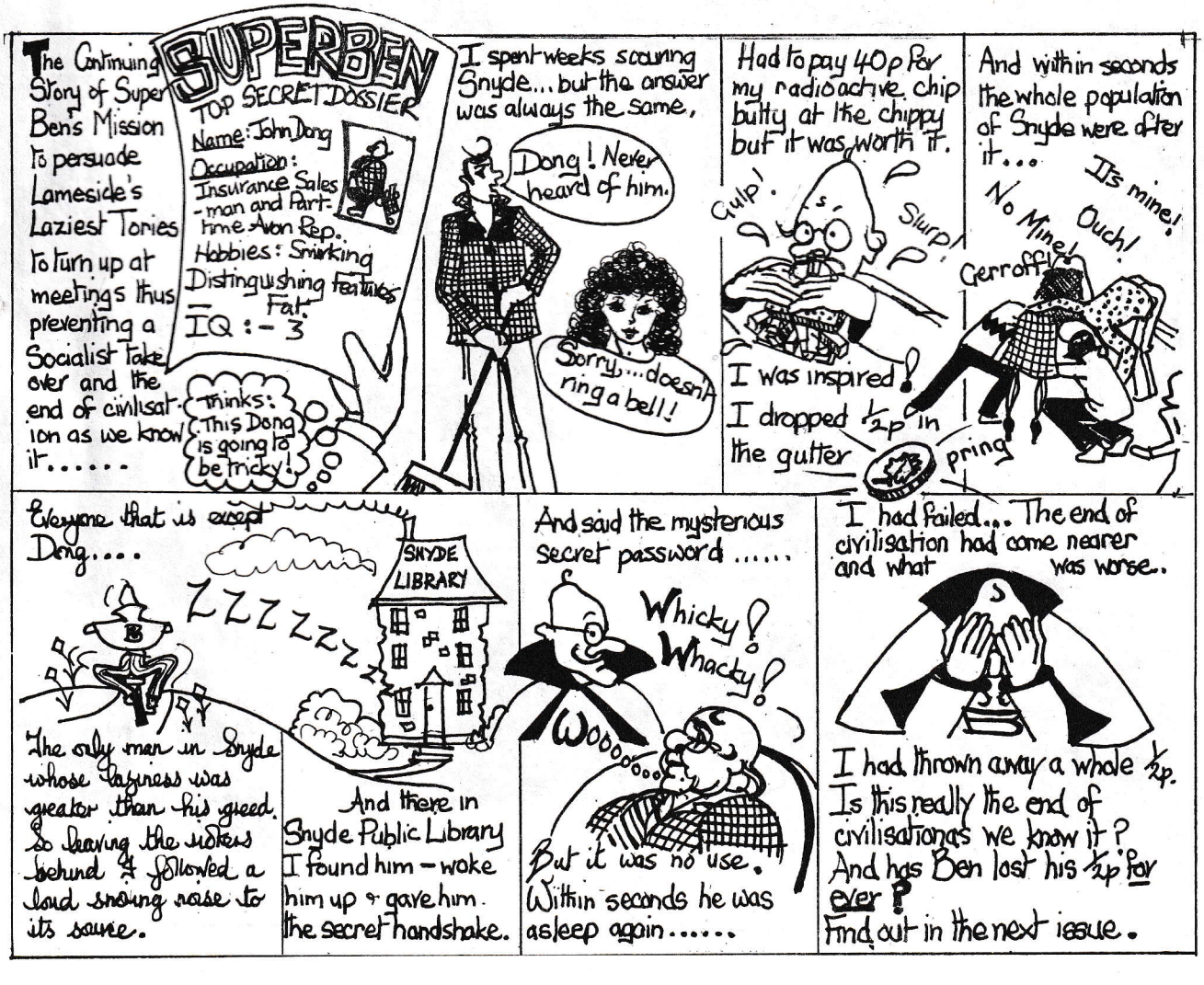
STALYBRIDGE

Millbrook Youth & Community Centre. (338 3533) Grenville St. off Huddersfield Rd. Stalybridge.
Worder: Glenn Routledge.
Luncheon club starting - any helpers contact Glenn c/o Centre.
Youth Club disco every other Thurs.
Copley Youth & Community Centre 338 6230 Demesse Drive, Copley Estate, Stalybridge. Activities:
Snr. Youth Club Mon, Wed, Thurs, Sat. 7.30 - 10.30.
Jnr. Youth Club. Tue. 7 - 9.30.
Playgroup. Mon. Wed. Fri. 9-12.30
Social Services Dept. Melbourne St. Stalybridge (338 4314/3753, 303 9519)
Unemployed lunch club. Thurs. 12-3.00. Contact c/o Centre.
Blind Club. Mon. 1-4.30. Social Serv's Stalybridge.
Handicapped club Mon. Thurs. 1.4.30 Social Services, Stalybridge.
Mums & Tots. Tue 9.30 - 12.30 Mrs. J. Knowles (427 2607)
1-parent family group. Tue. 9.30-12.30 Mrs. M.Cook, 22 Ambleside Stalybr. 338 3599
Evergreen Club (OAP's) Wed. 1-4.30 Mrs. W. Buckley, 30 Copley Ave, Copley Estate, Stalybridge (303 9462)

DROYLSDEN

Fairfield Centre (370 1383) Grove St. Droylsden. Worker: Ernie Mellor. Activities:
Mums & Tots. Mon 1.30-4.00 Julie Dickson c/o Centre
Snr. Youth Club Mon & Wed. 5.45 - 6.40.

the secret life of **Uncle Ben**


The Continuing Story of Super Ben's Mission To persuade Lameside's Laziest Tories to turn up at meetings thus preventing a Socialist Take over and the end of civilisation as we know it.....
SUPERBEN
TOP SECRET DOSSIER
Name: John Dong
Occupation: Insurance Sales-man and Part-time Avon Rep.
Hobbies: Smirking
Distinguishing Features: Fat.
IQ :- 3
thinks: This Dong is going to be tricky!
I spent weeks scouring Snyde... but the answer was always the same,
Dong! Never heard of him.
Sorry... doesn't ring a bell!
Had to pay 40p for my radioactive chip butty at the chippy but it was worth it.
Gulp!
Slurp!
I was inspired! I dropped ½p in the gutter
pring
And within seconds the whole population of Snyde were after it...
It's mine!
No Mine!
Ouch!
Gerroff!
Everyone that is except Dong....
ZZZZZZZ
SNYDE LIBRARY
The only man in Snyde whose laziness was greater than his greed. So leaving the sisters behind & followed a loud snoring noise to its source.
And there in Snyde Public Library I found him - woke him up & gave him the secret handshake.
And said the mysterious secret password .....
Whicky! Whacky!
Woooooo
But it was no use. Within seconds he was asleep again.....
I had failed... The end of civilisation had come nearer and what was worse.
I had thrown away a whole ½p. Is this really the end of civilisations we know it? And has Ben lost his ½p for ever?
Find out in the next issue.

STARLAW

CARTHOS.... CITY OF THE TOADLIKE KREEGANS, AND SECRET SPACE-PORT AND TRADING CENTRE FOR CROOKED MERCHANTS AND SAILORS THROUGHOUT THE GALAXY....

WALKING THROUGH THE OUTER STREETS, JUST INSIDE THE CITY WALL, A SMALL PATROL OF KREEGANS HAVE RETURNED BEARING TWO HUMAN PRISONERS....

SILENCE HUMAN! WHAT THE AUTHORITIES DONT KNOW CAN DO NO HARM, WE ARE TIRED OF THE HUMAN SCUM WHO RULE OUR UNIVERSE!

LISTEN! YOU CANT DO THIS TO US! ITS ILLEGAL! WE HAVENT DONE ANY HARM TO YOU!

BUT WE ARE NOT WITH THE SCORPION-EMPIRE! WE ARE REBELS! FIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM!

YOU LIE! YOU ARE SPIES COME TO FIND OUT ABOUT OUR SECRET REBELLION THAT WE MAY PLAN TO ONE DAY! BUT YOU WILL NOT FIND OUT! WE ARE NOT STUPID! THE MALE WILL GO TO THE ARENA AND YOU, FEMALE SHALL GO TO THE SLAVE MARKET!

WE DONT KNOW ABOUT THE REBELLION UNTILL YOU JUST TOLD US! YOU ARE PRETTY STUPID!

SILENCE SCUM! WE KREEGANS... ARE...THE MOST INTELIGENT RACE...IN...THE UNIVERSE!

THE SLAVE MARKET?!

THE TWO HUMANS; DERREN-LORIS, A PART EARTH, PART NURREN CITIZEN, AND TEERA, A FULL NURREN, HAD CRASH LANDED ON THE KREEGAN WORLD IN THEIR DAMAGED SPACE FIGHTER AFTER AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON A SCORPION CONVOY.... NOT KNOWING IT WAS THE WORLD OF THE KREEGANS, THEY WERE NOW CAPTIVES OF THAT OUTLAW RACE....

WE WILL GET A GOOD PRICE FOR YOU AT THE GLADIATOR SCHOOL! BUT FIRST THE FEMALE WILL BE TAKEN TO THE SLAVER! WE ARE ALMOST THERE!

YOU CANT DO THIS!

LARNON-VRUKE! SLAVE MASTER FROM THE TRELGON GALAXY....

LARNON! A WORD WITH YOU!

WHAT... YES! YES! WHY NOT! WHY NOT INDEED!

HOW MUCH FOR THIS HUMAN FEMALE!

OH YES! OH YES! OH.... JUST A MOMENT THOUGH.... ISN'T THE SELLING OF HUMANS JUST A LITTLE BIT..ER..IRREGULAR!

WHO'S TO KNOW? SHE'S JUST A SCORPION SPY! YOU KNOW! THOSE THAT OVER-CHARGE YOU ON YOUR SPACE-RATES! BESIDES.... YOU'LL GET A MIGHTY HIGH PRICE IN THE THARNIAN GALAXY FOR HER KIND! WELL OUT OF THE SCORPION EMPIRES REACH!

WINK!

OH INDEED! INDEED! YES! OH THIS IS LUCKY! ALRIGHT! I'LL GIVE YOU FIFTY DROSHERS FOR HER!

SCHMO

EIGHTY! SEVENTY! SIXTY! DONE! DONT I HAVE ANY SAY IN THIS?

NICE DOING BUISNESS WITH YOU LARNON!

OH ANY TIME TRUTUS! ANY TIME!

HEY! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

TEERA!

HOLD THE HUMAN BACK!

DONT WORRY TEERA! I'LL FIND YOU! WHEN I ESCAPE! I'LL FIND YOU!

THATS ALL FOR TODAY LADS! PUT THE FEMALE ABOARD THE SHIP! WE LEAVE IN TWENTY MINUTES! OH INDEED!

RIGHT, HUMAN! IT'S OFF TO THE ARENA WITH YOU!

DAMMN YOU YOU FILTHY TOAD!

THE GLADIATOR SCHOOL.... DREADED PLACE FOR PRISONERS, BOTH HUMAN AND KREEGAN!....

THORNOK! LOOK! I BRING YOU A FINE SPECIMEN! AND I OFFER HIM TO YOU AT THE REASONABLE PRICE OF ONE HUNDRED DROSHERS!

REALY TRUTUS? THATS VERY THOUGHTFUL OF YOU! BUT TELL ME.... WHAT FAVOUR HAVE I BROUGHT YOU THAT YOU SHOULD HONOUR ME SO?

WHY THORNOK! I OFFER HIM IN FRIENDSHIP.... AND AT A LOW PRICE!

THEN, FRIEND TRUTUS! DO YOU NOT THINK YOU SHOULD OFFER HIM TO ME FOR NOTHING? I AM ONLY THINKING OF OUR "FRIENDSHIP", AND BESIDES, WHAT WOULD THAT SCORPION EMPIRE OUT-POST STATION IN THE NEXT STAR-QUADRENT SAY IF THEY HEARD YOU WERE SELLING HUMANS.... THEIR OWN KIND? I SHUDDER TO THINK OF THE CONSEQUENCES! ON THE CONTRARY, TRUTUS, I THINK I WOULD ACCEPT THE HUMAN, PLUS ONE HUNDRED DROSHERS OF YOUR OWN MONEY IN ORDER TO KEEP MY ER.... RATHER LOOSE TONGUE STILL! WHAT SAY YOU, "FRIEND" TRUTUS?

CURSE YOU THORNOK!

WELL, I THINK OUR LITTLE DEAL IS CONCLUDED! THANK YOU TRUTUS! I HOPE WE WILL DO BUISNESS AGAIN SOMETIME!

CRRRK!

COME HUMAN! I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO FIGHT!

SLAP!

COUGH!

Graham Williams

TO BE CONTINUED....